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\$7,500 IN GOVERNMENT BONDS HAVE DISAPPEARED

PART OF SURETY OF LOCAL BANK AS DEPOSITORY OF COUNTY FUNDS

Diligent Search for Bonds Unavailing—Responsibility for Loss Said to Rest With Board of Commissioners—Honesty of Officials is Not Questioned—Loss Discovered on July 10 --- Case in Charge of Prosecuting Attorney—Settlement Expected Monday.

Government bonds to the value of \$7,500, representing a part of \$50,000 security given to the county by the Old Phoenix National Bank of Medina, one of the depositories of county money, has mysteriously disappeared from a safety deposit box in the Medina County National Bank of Medina, where the sureties of all of the other depositories are likewise kept.

The lost bonds are of the fourth issue of the government's Liberty bonds, six being of \$1,000 denomination and three of \$500 denomination. The serial numbers of the former are from 1320707 to 1320712, inclusive, and the latter 545422, 545423, and 545426.

The loss was discovered by E. H. Gibbs of the Old Phoenix National Bank on July 10, when he visited the deposit box for the purpose of clipping coupons.

That the bonds were in the box on Feb. 16 last is evidenced by the report of State Bank Examiner Edw. C. Hancock, who made an examination at that time, and the checking of which appears in his completed typewritten report on file at the Old Phoenix bank.

Other banks than the Old Phoenix Bank serving as depositories are The Medina Savings and Deposit Bank Co., The Medina County National Bank, both of Medina; the First National Bank of Wadsworth and the Wadsworth Savings and Trust Co., the Peoples National Bank of Lodi, and the Spencer State Bank. All of these banks, excepting the Medina County

National, give collateral security, the latter bank's surety being that of a surety company.

The key to the safety deposit box is kept in a locked drawer in the office of the county auditor. Whenever a representative of any of the depository banks has occasion to visit the box, he is always accompanied either by one of the county commissioners or the county treasurer, more frequently the former. Written statements or receipts are supposed to be given by the bank representatives when coupons are clipped or the bonds exchanged.

Notice of the loss was brought to the attention of prosecuting Attorney Jos. Seymour about two weeks ago, who has made diligent search for the missing documents, but thus far without avail. Various suggestions have been made as to how they may have been lost. One is that, being of small size, they may have worked into the folds of larger bonds and been innocently carried away when the latter were removed; another that they may have dropped to the floor and been gathered up and baled with scrap paper and still another, which seems more likely the correct theory, that they were accidentally left on the table when other bonds were gathered up and replaced in the deposit box, and subsequently picked up by some one who happened into the bank about that time on other business and observed them. The reason this theory is the one generally accepted is because the securities of all the other depository

banks have been carefully examined, their officials questioned, and no clue as to the whereabouts of the bonds discovered from that source.

The integrity of the county commissioners is in no way questioned. That there has been laxity in the methods employed by the county commissioners as to the examining and exchange of securities, however, is now believed by a great many, and the commissioners themselves practically admit it. Twice during the past week or ten days Commissioner Albert has made the statement in the presence of the writer that at the last time he visited the deposit box with a bank representative he was so impressed with the careless and unbusiness-like way the securities were handled and kept in the box, that he stated to his brother commissioners that unless some different arrangement was made in that respect, he would not go near the box again.

A conference was held Monday morning between the Old Phoenix National Bank officials, their counsel, F. W. Woods, and the County Commissioners, at which time the loss of the bonds was discussed from all angles, and at the close of which the commissioners assumed the responsibility for the loss, settlement of which, it is expected, will be made by the commissioners next Monday at the regular weekly meeting of the board, says Prosecuting Attorney Seymour. It is the expressed opinion of Attorney Seymour that the county can in no way be held responsible.

100th ANNIVERSARY DRAWS BIG CROWD

GRANGER A MECCA LAST SATURDAY

Varied Program of Sports, Speaking and Music, and Remarkable Display of Relics, Excited Keen Interest, and Day Became a Memorable One.

The people of Granger township were fortunate in selecting Saturday, Aug. 21, for their centennial and home-coming celebration, for a more delightful summer day has not passed thus far this season. There was a slight shower in the afternoon, but not sufficient to mar the evening's festivities.

The celebration was held on the high and slightly grounds at the center of Granger, near the school building, the musical and speaking program of the day being held in a grove diagonally across the road. People from all over the county began arriving at an early hour, several hundred having registered by three o'clock, and the number increasing as the hours sped by.

It was a gala day for residents and strangers, and a glorious and memorable one to the remnants of the town's population of other days who traveled, some from far distant places, to gain a glimpse of old familiar scenes and faces, perhaps for the last time.

The fore part of the day was given over to sports, the principal feature being a ball game between the teams of Hinckley and Granger in which Hinckley won.

From 11:30 to 1:30 was devoted to luncheon and visiting, in which all participated but Mr. H. C. Living, who, when he saw the vast quantities of yellow-legs and fruit cake, loped off for home.

The afternoon program consisted of music by an orchestra composed of the following members: Mrs. Dr. Culbertson and Lucille Case, piano; Harry Coddling, clarinet; Mrs. Coddling, violin; Chas. Case and Rollin Hartman, cornets; Fred Anderson, trombone; Bert Young, bass, and Chas. Danley, drums. Also an address by Judge A. R. Webber of Elyria. Judge Webber, a resident of Hinckley township, the greater part of his early life, resided with his father's family at one time in Granger township, and spoke with great feeling as a flood of happy memories brought back the tide of years. The judge at any time is a remarkably fluent speaker, but he is at his best when on native soil and 'mid the scenes and faces which he loves so well. An oration by Allan Kuder was well delivered and received with applause.

Granger and Hinckley played a game of ball in the afternoon, the result being 11 to 5, in favor of Hinckley. In the evening there was an entertainment given by The Harmony Trio, young colored women, who rendered the old jubilee shouts, the well-known plantation melodies of the South and popular songs of the day. One of the chief attractions of the occasion was the large display of relics in the upper rooms of the school building. Among those of special interest were: A candle-stick, 100 years old, brought from England, and now the property of Mrs. J. H. Indoe; a sabre, 108 years, owned by Albert Barnett; spool rack, 100 years, Mrs. Alvina Wolcott; pieces of linen, 100 years, worked by Saloma Tremant, now the property of Mrs. Addie Dunsha; a paisley shawl, worn by "Aunt Sally Read" now owned by Mrs. Louise Moon; a satin vest worn by Eliza Wolcott, who came to Granger from Ontario county, N. Y., in 1818; a "boat grinder," designed by Festus Ganyard for the grinding of spices; Mr. Ganyard came to Granger from Litchfield, Conn., also in 1818. There were also many pieces of home-spun linen, pieced quilts, Bibles, papers, and pottery, all of great age. A piece of wood from the flag-staff of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, which conveyed him from the Lawrence to the Niagara in the famous battle on Lake Erie, and an Indian tomahawk found near the well-known mound in Weymouth, were among many other very interesting relics displayed at the Granger celebration.

Last, but certainly not least, should be mentioned the ever welcome martial band of Samuel Ingham, whose veteran musicians have lost no vestige of the ardor and technique of '61. **TEACHERS INSTITUTE IN MEDINA SEPT. 7** The Medina County Teachers' Institute will be held in Medina, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 7. While the place here in which it will be held has not yet been definitely decided, it seems likely at this time, says County Superintendent Ulerly, that the Congregational church will be selected. The instructors for this year's institute will be Jonathan Rigdon, president of the College at Danville, Ind.; Francis Richard of Miami University, and George M. Morris, representing the State Educational Department. There will also be present a representative from the State Board of Health. The program of the institute will be published in the Sentinel next week.

1921 AUTO TAGS GREEN The 1921 automobile license tags will be green with white lettering, the design to be the same as that of the 1920 tags except that the date and the word "Ohio" will be in reversed positions. Next year's tags are to be made at the Ohio penitentiary, and the work of making them is shortly to be begun. Not less than 2,000,000 will be turned out. More than 1,500,000 of the 1920 tags already have been made.

TWO ASK DAMAGES OF C. S. & C. R. R.

During the past week two damage suits have been filed in Common Pleas court against the Cleveland, Southwestern & Columbus Railroad Company. One is by Jacob F. Smith for \$5060, the other by Geo. J. Damon for \$1750.

Smith met with an accident on the company's line near the pumping station at Strongsville, on the morning of Nov. 26, 1919, when his automobile was struck by one of the company's cars, smashing it, and causing injuries to himself, he alleges, that are permanent.

Damon was not personally injured, but his machine was completely wrecked on Sept. 29, 1919, at the intersection of plaintiff's line with the Chippewa Lake road in Lafayette township. Mr. Damon had barely time to leap from his car before it was struck. His loss is placed at \$1750.

In both of the above petitions plaintiffs aver that defendant's cars were running at excessive speed and in both instances no whistles or other signal was given of the cars' approach. F. W. Woods and Arthur Van Epp, attorneys for plaintiff.

DEATH FOLLOWS BRIEF ILLNESS

ESTHER WATKINS DIES AT HOME OF BROTHER

Possessed of Wide Circle of Friends.—Interment to be Made at Gomer, Ohio, Birthplace of Deceased.—Funeral at Vaughnsville, Ohio.

A wide circle of her Medina friends will be sorrowed to learn of the untimely death on Thursday morning of Miss Esther Watkins, which occurred at the home of her brother, David Watkins, following an illness of only a few days.

For some time Miss Watkins served as assistant to her brother as station agent of the Northern Ohio at Medina, later being transferred to the position of agent at Greenwich, which she held until last week, when she came to Medina. She was taken ill on Sunday and failed rapidly until the end.

The deceased was born Sept. 21, 1874, at Gomer, O., and thus was 45 years of age at the time of her death. A brief service was held this morning (Friday) at the brother's home, following which the body was removed to Vaughnsville, O., where funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon. Burial will be made at Gomer, O.

NEW COMPANY FORMED TO MANUFACTURE GAS BURNERS

During the past week a company has been formed, of which Jos. Degnan of Erhart is president; Harry Lincoln of Brunswick, secretary and treasurer, and C. R. Oswald, fiscal agent, the purpose of which, according to a member of the company, is to promote the sale of securities for the manufacture of what is known as hydro-carbon gas burners. The company, it is stated, has an option on the concrete building on Smith road, between South Court street and South Elmwood, formerly used as a garage, and expects to be in operation in from sixty to ninety days, employing at the start from thirty to forty men.

The name of the new company is The Medina County Business Men's Syndicate. The stock offered is \$75,000 of preferred and \$30,000 of common of The Hydro-Carbon Gas Products Company of Cleveland, with an authorized capitalization of \$500,000. The company claims that over 7000 of the burners were disposed of in Cleveland last year, 75 of which are in use in the Statler hotel.

WORK TO START ON MEDINA-AKRON ROAD

Steps to complete the road from Akron to Medina have been taken by the Summit County Commissioners, and the contract for the Summit county sections of the highway will be awarded in September by the state. The expense will be borne jointly by the county, state, the minor taxing units through which the roads pass and the abutting property owners. The Akron-Medina road will cost about \$145,500. Of this sum Summit county will pay \$111,450, the state \$34,050 and the federal government will make up the balance. The amount transferred by commissioners represents \$47,078 to be paid by the county at large; approximately \$10,000 to be assessed against Copley, the same amount against Bath, and \$14,550 against the abutting property holders.

RED CROSS REMINDERS (By Sentinel Representative) The collection of clothing for the Armenians, which is still at Red Cross rooms will be packed and shipped about Sept. 1. The amount received is absurdly inadequate. Are we just care-less, or are we indifferent to the appeals of a suffering people?

Miss Hanna, Red Cross nurse, and Miss Wells, executive secretary, have in the week past visited every township in the county in the interests of the public health program which Red Cross is instituting. They report a very encouraging interest and spirit of co-operation. —Announcements have been received of the marriage of Miss Joyce Chase to Mr. Jack Marlowe, both of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Miss Chase was formerly of Lafayette and well known in Medina.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS IN LITCHFIELD

BARN AND 75 TONS OF HAY DESTROYED

Medina Firemen With Big Engine Make the Nine-mile Trip in Twenty Minutes, But Arrive Too Late to Be of Service.

A disastrous fire occurred Monday night on the farm of Ted Falconer, a half mile south of the center of Litchfield, near the Northern Ohio track, totally destroying a large barn containing seventy-five or more tons of new hay, corn crib, pig pen, chicken coop and a good sized shed, in fact every building on the farm but the home. The live stock was in pasture, the pigs were rescued, but only 19 chickens were saved out of a flock of 150 Leghorns.

The fire was discovered by a neighbor about 10 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Falconer having retired. A general alarm was sounded in the neighborhood and it was but a very short time until a hundred or more persons were on the scene. The Medina fire department was called upon and the big engine was promptly manned and sent to Litchfield, making the trip in twenty minutes, but arrived too late to be of any assistance.

Mr. Falconer is of the belief, which is generally shared by his neighbors, that the fire was the result of spontaneous combustion. The suggestion had also been offered that a tramp may have been in the barn and caused the fire by the dropping of a lighted match or cigar stump, although Mr. Falconer states that no stranger has been seen loitering in the neighborhood for some time.

Insurance was carried on the property to the amount of \$3200, which was perhaps but a little in excess of the present market value of the hay. Mr. and Mrs. Falconer are a young couple who had contracted for the purchase of the farm only a short time ago, thus the loss falls extraordinarily heavy upon them.

S. S. ASSOCIATION CONVENTION OCT. 1 TO 2

The Executive Committee of the County Sunday School Association met Wednesday evening at the home of the president, Dr. G. H. Smith, to outline the work for the coming year. The young peoples' work was given considerable attention and it was decided to hold the secondary convention in Medina, October 1 and 2.

It is planned to make this convention one that will be full of pep for the young people of Medina county, with the very best speakers, banquet, and live sports to complete the program.

Chas. Knapp of Lodi is Secondary Superintendent of the county, Miss Blooma Zeigler is president of the girls division, while Mr. Chapman of Brunswick is president of the boys. The first Sunday in October was set aside and a request will be made of every Sunday school superintendent in the county to observe that day for the Home superintendent.

An expenditure of nearly \$300 was reported by the secretary, Miss Minnie Wells, for the past year, with every bill paid and money in the bank. A complete financial statement together with list of Sunday schools who have failed to pay their apportionment for the past year will be placed in the hands of all Sunday school superintendents at once.

PLEDGE SUPPORT OF DEMOCRATIC TICKET

At a meeting of the Democratic Central and Executive Committees of Medina county, held in Medina last Saturday, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved:—That we, the members of the Democratic Central and Executive Committees of Medina county, heartily endorse and approve the sentiment expressed in the recent speech of Governor James M. Cox in accepting the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. His fearless, energetic and efficient administration as Governor of Ohio entitles him to the confidence and respect of every member of this organization, and we hereby pledge our loyal support and honest efforts to secure his success at the coming November election. We also pledge the same fidelity and support to Hon. M. L. Davy for Congressman, A. V. Donahy for Governor, R. L. Gehman for Representative, and the balance of the Medina county Democratic ticket.

KELSER REUNION The Kelsers family reunion was held on Aug. 18 and 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Kelsers, on Wadsworth road, the celebration being in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Philip Kelsers of Medina. Besides the honored ones the following were in attendance:

Mrs. A. E. Willett and family, Grace, Florence, Gertrude and Edward of Plymouth; Rev. and Mrs. M. G. Kelsers and family, Thoburn, Lucy, Mary Leona, and Marguerite of Westerville; Prof. and Mrs. Charles S. Kelsers and son Philip of Lorain; Prof. and Mrs. G. M. Johnston and family, Alice and Hugh, Cincinnati, and James of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Kelsers and daughters, Pauline and Sarah Katherine of Circleville; Mr. and Mrs. John P. Kelsers and family, Edwin, Elizabeth and Velma Margaret of Medina; Mr. Fred W. Kelsers of Helena, Mont.; Mr. Henry Kelsers of Fulton, Mich., and Mrs. Sarah Shearer of Akron, O., brother and sister of Rev. Philip Kelsers. In addition to these there were twenty-two relatives and friends present.

"BLOODY SEVENTH" YET LIFTS VEIL OF PAST

The Sentinel acknowledges an exceedingly pleasant call on Tuesday afternoon from Major Joseph S. Clark of Valley Forge, Pa. Major Clark is visiting relatives in Cleveland and incidentally looked over Medina and other neighboring villages with the view, if satisfied, of selecting one in which to pass his remaining years. He is now 80 years of age.

Major Clark served throughout the four years of the Civil War, the greater part of which time he was a member of the 7th O. V. I., which, because of the numerous times it was all but annihilated, has become famous in history as the "Bloody Seventh." Mr. Clark attended a reunion of the remaining members of his regiment held in the new court house at Cleveland last Saturday. He states that of the 1900 members that composed the regiment from first to last during the war, only nineteen survive.

Remembering that his native county of Geauga contributed a number of men to the 7th Ohio regiment, the editor of the Sentinel in reminding Major Clark of the fact, was surprised to learn that he was acquainted with the former's veteran friends, and incidentally discovered a bit of information of the deepest interest. A cousin of the writer lost his life in the early part of the Civil War, but the place, date, and circumstances attending the event the family had ever remained in ignorance, the aged parents living a long and sorrowed life, and finally going to their graves without tidings of the son to their youth. In mentioning the fact to Major Clark, the latter, to our utter surprise, stated that he knew our relative well, was with him when he fell, the death occurring at the battle of Cedar Mountain, Aug. 9, 1862. Major Clark and the writer had never met nor heard of each other until the chance meeting on Tuesday.

Major Clark expressed himself as well pleased with Medina. He is an old newspaper man, having been connected with the Cleveland dailies in the early days, later serving in Philadelphia and Washington.

LOCAL HORSES WIN AT WELLINGTON FAIR

At the Wellington Fair on Wednesday the following Medina horses captured prizes:

First event, 2:30 trot, John K. owned by A. T. Spitzer and driven by McDonald, won second money, Maude R. owned and driven by Frank Brought, took fourth money.

Second event, 2:22 pace, Fovy McGregor, owned and driven by R. O. McDowell, captured fifth money.

Third event, 2:18 pace, Bingo, owned and driven by W. E. House, third money. Dr. Jolla, owned by Bowman, driven by Wilson, sixth money.

NEAR WRECK ON W. & L. E.

A wreck was narrowly averted on the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad, two miles east of Spencer, on Wednesday afternoon of last week, by the timely discovery on the track by Master Carpenter Weidrick, of thirteen angles, four pieces of iron and a number of large nuts. Weidrick had just thus to flag an approaching train. Footprints in the cinders and adjacent ground indicate that the work was that of youngsters.

MANY CHANGES ON N. O. RAILROAD

NEW SCHEDULE IN OPERATION SUNDAY

Saying of an Hour to be Gained in Running Time Between Akron and Delphos.—Local Night-office Discontinued.

A number of important changes in train schedule and general operation of the Northern Ohio will take place this week. The new schedule becomes effective on Sunday, Aug. 29, although a copy of it had not reached Local Agent Watkins at the time the Sentinel went to press.

The night office at Medina was discontinued on Thursday of this week, and simultaneously one was opened at Copley. The reason for the transfer was because that after Sunday there will be maintained a regular service between Mogadore and Copley with the new gasoline cars. The night office in Medina has been divided into two trips. W. R. Sellers having one, and Willis Griffin the other. Mr. Sellers has been transferred to the Copley office, while Mr. Griffin has not received his new assignment yet.

It is understood that the new-time schedule will reduce the running time between Akron and Delphos and hour or more. This will be brought about not by an increase of speed, but by the omitting of several stops along the route. For instance, both trains Nos. 1 and 2 after Sunday will not stop at the following places: Barber-ton Belt, Thompson's Risley, Huntington, Semple, Gardner's, Plankton, Tymochtee, Patterson Spur and Cordelia. No. 1 will stop at Fairlawn only to pick up passengers for stops west of Copley, and to discharge passengers for point west of Copley only.

Miss Anna Winch, who has been assistant to Local Agent David Watkins for some time, has been transferred to Greenwich to relieve Mr. Watkins' sister, Miss Esther Watkins, who is seriously ill at the home of her brother, and Miss Doris Worden has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the local office caused by the transfer of Miss Winch.

HINCKLEY MAN FINDS STRANGER IN HOME

When Mr. and Mrs. Steve West of Hinckley returned to their home Tuesday night about 8 o'clock, after being absent through the day, they found a strange man in the house, seated on the kitchen floor. The fellow had disturbed nothing and made no resistance to being detained until the arrival of Sheriff Bigelow, an hour or two later. There was between three and four dollars on his person, which he claimed had been paid him for a day's work on the Hinckley roads. He is of Polish nationality, without home, and without relatives, so far as he knows, he says, and has been doing odd jobs here and there in the vicinity of Cleveland. The reason he gives for having entered the West home was that he was tired and could see no objections to resting there as well as anywhere else. His actions indicate an unsound mind, says Sheriff Bigelow, who is scratching his head as to what disposition should be made of him.

VICIOUS DOG ATTACKS AND BITES MEDINA GIRL

Early Tuesday afternoon, while on her way to her home on the South Pike, Miss Nellie Van Devier was attacked by a dog and severely bitten on the back. The dog, owned by F. D. Koons, barked ferociously at Miss Van Devier, and in her fright she assailed the animal with a package she was carrying. This further aggravated the dog and he pounced upon Miss Van Devier. She was immediately conveyed to the office of Dr. R. G. Storg and her injury was attended to. It is not the belief that the dog is a victim of rabies, therefore it was not killed. It has been confined, however, to await any possible sinister developments.

DEATH AT GRANGERBURG OF MRS. ALICE MILLER

Her many friends in this vicinity will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Alice Miller of Grangerburg, which occurred there at the home of her son, Clara Miller, Wednesday afternoon of this week at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Miller sustained a broken hip by falling about three weeks ago, and it is thought the effects of this hastened her death.

The deceased was 75 years of age and the widow of the late Luther A. Miller, who passed from life about a year ago. She was a sister of Mrs. Addie Burt of Medina.

Funeral services will be held from the Clara Miller home this afternoon (Friday) at 2 o'clock.

KIWANIANS ENTERTAINED

Members of the Kiwanis club were pleasantly entertained at their luncheon last Friday at the Church of Christ by three young men of the "College Gang," who closed the local Chautauque season Friday night. The instrumentation consisted of piano, violin and banjo, and the lively selections added material zest to the luncheon hour.

The speaker was Paul Elliott of Seville, whose subject was, "The Business Man and the Farmer," the underlying thought being that there should be a better understanding between them, as their problems and successes overlap. Elliott believes that Medina county should have another newspaper, one devoted entirely to the interests of the farming community, and which it might easily be inferred from his words that the newspapers now in the field do not harmonize exactly with his ideas of what newspapers should be.

The question of endorsing the movement to secure if possible the establishment by the state in Medina county of headquarters for a proposed health survey, was discussed, and the proposition was unanimously endorsed. Every member was instructed to write a personal letter to the State Health Department, requesting that the department consider well the advantages Medina county have to offer.

GOOD GAME EXPECTED

Courtney Lawrence Post, American Legion, will play Spencer at the high school athletic field, Saturday, at 3 p. m.

Spencer clashed with the Medina team weeks ago and won a twelve inning game 2 to 1. The Medina boys will miss Pete House, who was injured last week, but the entire team has been strengthened and Medina fans will see a good, hot ball game.